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IN THE MATTER OF:

DULAL BHATTACHARJEE, M.D.LICENSE NO. 25MA056800600

ORDER GRANTING
UNRESTRICTED LICENSURE

This matter most recently was opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of a request to reinstate the New Jersey medical license of Dulal Bhattacharjee, M.D.

In an interim consent order filed by the Board on November 15, 2004, Dr. Bhattacharjee voluntarily agreed to cease and desist the practice of medicine and surgery in New Jersey until the resolution of all matters then pending before the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine ("PA Board"). The PA Board matters related to Dr. Bhattacharjee's December 26, 2001 guilty plea in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to distribution and possession with intent to distribute Vicodin in violation of 21 <u>U.S.C.</u> § 841(a)(1).

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On November 17, 2004, Dr. Bhattacharjee and the PA Board entered an Agreement of Settlement and Withdrawal of Appeal ("2004 PA Agreement") that resolved all of the allegations and charges arising from the transactions and events that led to his 2001 2004 PΑ Agreement, Dr. the Pursuant to quilty plea. Bhattacharjee's Pennsylvania license was revoked, which revocation was stayed in favor of a nineteen month active suspension. 2004 PA Agreement also established a variety of conditions on the medical license in Bhattacharjee's reinstatement of Dr. Pennsylvania, including demonstration of fitness to practice via completion of a competency assessment.

On February 15, 2005, Dr. Bhattacharjee then entered a consent order with the Board pursuant to which his New Jersey license was placed on active suspension for a period of nineteen months, retroactive to November 15, 2004. The February 15, 2005 order further provided that Dr. Bhattacharjee must satisfy all terms and conditions for reinstatement of his license in Pennsylvania prior to seeking reinstatement of his New Jersey license and then must appear before the Board, or a Committee thereof, to demonstrate his fitness to resume practice.

In an Order filed December 1, 2009, Pennsylvania reinstated Dr. Bhattacharjee's medical license subject, for no fewer than five years, to several probationary terms, namely, to abide by all rules and laws; to cooperate with Pennsylvania in investigating his

compliance; not to falsify or omit material information submitted to the PA Board; and to notify the PA Board if his address changes or he is charged with any criminal offenses. In addition, on May 20, 2010, Dr. Bhattacharjee was issued a new DEA registration number.

On July 7, 2010, Dr. Bhattacharjee appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss his request for reinstatement and fitness to return to the practice of medicine in New Jersey. Dr. Bhattacharjee testified that after being evaluated by the Albany Medical Center Upstate Clinical Competency Center Practicing Physician Assessment Program, he successfully completed the Drexel College of Medicine Physician Refresher/Re-Entry Course, including the twelve-week structured preceptorship and the online medical update curriculum. He also completed a mini-residency in pain management at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In addition, Dr. Bhattacharjee submitted proof of his completion of continuing medical education credits from 2006 through the present.

The Board having determined that Dr. Bhattacharjee has satisfied all terms and conditions for reinstatement of his license in Pennsylvania and ongoing terms of Pennsylvania's probation and has demonstrated through his testimony and written submissions that he is fit to return to the practice of medicine and surgery in New Jersey, and that the within disposition is adequately protective of

the public health, safety, and welfare,

IT IS on this 13TH day of Supt, 2010,

ORDERED:

1. Dulal Bhattacharjee, M.D. hereby is granted an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

Paul T. Jordan, M.D.

President